GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CCTV CAMERAS IN JAILS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CCTV cameras have been installed in Tihar jail to monitor prisoners and help the prison authorities to keep a better check on untoward incidents and enhance vigilance;

(b) if so,whether the Government has any proposal to install CCTV cameras in other jails of the country;and

(c) if so,the details thereof along with the total funds likely to be provided to various State Governments State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b) & (c): Under the Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons,the State Governments have been allowed to utilize 10% of the funds allocated for their Annual Action Plan 2006-07 on purchasing equipments for modrnisation of jails and building/improving infrastructure for undertaking correctional programmes.Considering the utility of CCTV Cameras,the Government of India in their proposed second phase of the Scheme of Modernisation of Prisons has identified installation of CCTV as one of the reform agenda.